

gordo Daily News, written by Don McKinney, be reprinted in the RECORD. Mr. McKinney's article includes a detailed notation of the many highlights in John Rolland's life as well as reflections on his life by many of his fellow community citizens.

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**CIVIC PIONEER ROLLAND, DIES**  
(By Don McKinney)

Alamogordo today lost another of its civic pioneers.

John C. Rolland, 81, who was the city's mayor from January 1955 through February 1959, died this morning.

The Alamogordo native was born December 10, 1907, and the lifelong city resident had an active role in the shaping of the city.

Services were pending with Hamilton Funeral Home this morning.

Rolland operated the family pharmacy business located near New York Avenue and 10th Street for 50 years.

Besides being mayor, he also was a member of the City Commission for several years. He was one of the formative forces in the establishment of Alamogordo Federal Savings and Loan, one of the largest mortgage lenders in Otero County.

He was elected to the board of directors of Alamo Fed in 1939 and stepped down in 1944 to join the Navy. After World War II, he was again elected to the board in 1946 and has served as chairman of the board continuously since 1967.

His civic work included a stint as president of the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce in 1947 and president of the Alamogordo Rotary Club from 1952-53.

He was a member of the board of regents of New Mexico Military Institute; the administrative board of Grace United Methodist Church and a member of the board of directors of First National Bank at Alamogordo during 1960-75.

Rolland was an active contributor, campaign worker, division chairman and former board member of Otero County United Way. He also served on the advisory board of the Betty Dare Good Samaritan Center.

He was voted the Alamogordo Citizen of the Year in 1972.

Although he was ill, he recently served as a member of the Otero County Economic Development Council.

Alamogordo pioneer Maude Sutton and her husband Charles were close friends with the Rolland family.

"Ever since I've been out here, there was a Rolland Drugs," she said this morning.

"Johnny was a wonderful person, always kind. He never got riled up about anything. He did a real good job as mayor.

"We all ran around together. He was the same age as my husband."

Rolla Buck, city manager during Rolland's tenure as city commissioner and mayor, remembered him as a lifelong friend.

"They had a drug store here and Johnny was the main man in it. We played together growing up.

"He was just a good person. His attitude towards life was one of kindness and giving.

"He was a person that liked to do what was right in every way. He was about the most honest person I have ever known.

"Lots of times he would come in to me when Alamogordo was growing real fast to help him go over the plans and plans for subdivisions."

"He wanted to see good development in the city."

"Eber McKinley also a former mayor.

"We were born less than a block apart. He was about two and one-half years older than

me. I guess we really got close in school," McKinley said.

"He was one of the most honorable people I have ever known in my life."

"He was an excellent city commissioner. Johnny was a very progressive influence on the community."

McKinley served for a number of years with Rolland on the Alamogordo Federal Savings and Loan board.

Earl Wallen, president of the savings and loan, remembers the 48-year veteran of the board as an even-tempered man.

"As a director and a person he was great. He was a very kind man always trying to help other people."

Wallen said during Rolland's tenure on the board, Alamo Fed had grown from \$1 million in size in 1939 to \$102 million this year.

"He was a quite leader, not boisterous, but very efficient."

He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth in 1981.

Survivors include his daughter, Helen (Mrs. Dennis) Howe of East Point, Fla.; a granddaughter, Cindy (Mrs. Carl) Munz of Carlsbad.

He is also survived by six grandchildren, Scott Cameron, Cammie and Cory Munz, and Jacob, Joshua, and Jeremy Cameron, all of Carlsbad.

**H.R. 3265, FCC  
REAUTHORIZATION**

**HON. MATTHEW J. RINALDO**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1989

Mr. RINALDO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Monday, October 30, and could not speak on the floor in support of the FCC reauthorization bill, which I cosponsored with the Telecommunications Subcommittee chairman, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY]. I am pleased that the House passed this legislation by voice vote on the suspension calendar.

This bill, as approved by the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Telecommunications Subcommittee, authorizes the full \$109.8 million requested in the President's fiscal year 1990 budget. This is only \$800,000 more than the amount that the House appropriated for the FCC in fiscal year 1990.

The bill as amended sets the FCC's fiscal year 1991 authorization at \$121.5 million. This increase is appropriate for two reasons. First, this figure reflects the FCC's revised estimate of the additional money it will need in 1991 and 1993 to move and consolidate its offices.

Second, this funding increase recognizes that the FCC's workload and responsibility have greatly increased in recent years. The industries regulated by the FCC have become much larger and more important to our overall economic health and our ability to remain competitive. New technical and regulatory challenges for the agency spring up every day, as they have from HDTV to information services in the 1980's. Keeping the FCC well-equipped and able to deal with these new challenges has to be a central part of our communications strategy as we move to the 21st century.

The legislation extends the FCC's Older

thored by my colleague from Texas, Mr. FIELDS. As the ranking Republican on the

House Aging Committee, I share Mr. FIELDS' hopes that the Older Americans Program will be an important tool that will be used by the FCC to its fullest potential.

The Energy and Commerce Committee adopted an amendment to this legislation relating to the Commission's authority to take into account trade practices of foreign countries. The administration has raised concerns about this amendment, fearing it may create policy-making authority at the FCC.

I want to assure the House, and especially my Republican colleagues, that the opposite is true. The committee clearly did not create any new authority for the FCC through this amendment. I worked closely on the language of the provision with the chairman of the full committee and the subcommittee. I can assure the House that the committee's action makes explicit the limits of existing FCC authority. The committee report makes clear that the President is the policymaker with respect to trade policy, not the FCC. That will not change after this amendment becomes law.

The only thing this amendment does is remind the FCC that it may take into account the Nation's trade policies when the agency makes rules governing telecommunications industries—no more, no less.

I also note that while the administration is concerned about this trade provision, it does not object to passage of the underlying bill.

Finally, I want to mention my concerns on one issue that has been a source of controversy between the Telecommunications Subcommittee and the FCC. The Telecommunications Subcommittee members are in agreement that the Commission should not impose access charges on information service providers.

Twice, the subcommittee chairman and I have fought the FCC on this issue. The subcommittee believes strongly that access charges are inappropriate and would drive up the public's cost in getting information services. We didn't make these views explicit in the committee report only because FCC Chairman Sikes pledged during our authorization hearing not to impose these fees. We expect the Commission to live up to that pledge and work to make information services widely available for all our citizens.

Once again, I am pleased that the House has approved this needed authorization legislation. I hope it will be quickly approved by the Senate and sent to the President for approval.

**IN HONOR OF POLLY B. BACA**

**HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1989

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Ms. Polly B. Baca, and the contributions she has made to the Hispanic community.

Ms. Baca began her professional career as an editorial assistant for a trade union newspaper in Washington. During President Lyndon Johnson's administration she served as a public information officer for a White House campaign. She then joined the national campaign staff of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy in his bid for President of the United